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involved, the fact that there is little or no interest in these reports, and there's really not that much to be gleaned from these reports anyway as you all know if they are already members of that profession and they are serving on these boards. We know that already. So I guess I would...I know that we don't want to do anything which...which harms the openness and the disclosure that we have, but I really, truly don't think that this is going to be harmful to our present sunshine laws. And with that, I would ask that you do support this bill and that you do advance it to Select File.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, your light was on next and so I actually recognized you under your light, and Senator Beutler actually did not extend time. We were on Senator Beutler's time, so would you like...he yielded it to Senator Janssen, but Senator Janssen needed to yield back to Senator Beutler. We are not going to get into a circle here. So would you like to continue on your own time. Okay. Then we have an amendment, I believe. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, Senator Beutler, would move to amend, Mr. President. (See FA37 on page 773 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I don't plan to take a lot of time with this, but unless a good case is shown, I think it puts us in a poor position to be going backwards on open government and expressing to the maximum openness to the public in and on all types of boards and public functions. And so what this amendment would do is to leave the new language on lines 20 and 21, excepting out the student members of the Board of Regents. It leaves that in place just as Senator Janssen has it, but then it restores all of the stricken language on pages 2 and 3, so that the original intent of the sunshine law remains. And let me suggest that there are a large number of boards...boards out there. This is a very broad brush approach. It simply eliminates all boards and commissions of the state, and I am not sure what all that would include, but I assume that it includes a whole large number of things. Some of the boards